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House Resolution No. 2869

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of those Show-Me State residents who have admirably answered the call to patriotic national service through enlistment in the various branches which make up the United States military; and

Whereas, Jefferson County in eastern Missouri will hold a special Salute to Veterans event at Hillsboro City Park, on Saturday, May 21, 2005; and

Whereas, Jefferson County was home to 20,269 military veterans during the year 2004 according to governmental records; and

Whereas, Jefferson County residents have admirably supported and participated in each major armed conflict in which the United States throughout its history has valiantly fought to banish tyranny and uphold democracy; and

Whereas, some Jefferson County residents have made the ultimate sacrifice for their state and nation, including seventy-four members of the "Greatest Generation" who were casualties in World War II; and

Whereas, a memorial to veterans was envisioned by David Christian more than three years ago to be located in the lobby of Jefferson County's Administration Center in Hillsboro; and

Whereas, still a work in progress, the high-tech video Wall of Honor should be ready for viewing on May 21, 2005, during the Salute to Veterans commemoration; and

Whereas, the electronic Wall of Honor will consist of photos and service histories of every veteran who has ever lived in Jefferson County, not just those who have died, and will additionally feature a computer keyboard at the base of the memorial who allow visitors to look up histories of specific veterans:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to salute the military veterans, past and present, residing in Jefferson County and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations for their special recognition during the Salute to Veterans event on May 21, 2005; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Jefferson County military veterans.

Offered by	
Representative Wes Wagner	
District No. 104	

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2869, adopted May 3, 2005.